



# The Vision

“Where there is no vision...” Proverbs 29:18

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## The Weaver Believers are Coming Back!

You won't want to miss worship on Sunday, August 7th when the Weaver Believer Survival Revival family band will bring their unique style of bluegrass, southern gospel and country music once again to our church service! The family blessed us last year with their banjos, guitars, fiddle, mandolin, upright bass and acoustic bass instruments that allow them to move in different circles with a high energy and fast tempo type of sound. With their tight harmony and one of a kind family group, it's sure to be a performance not easily forgotten. They have been performing at churches all over the country and they continue to enjoy traveling and spending quality time together encouraging audiences of all ages by "Spreading God's Word - Family Style." Come and enjoy their talents!



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### Save-the-Date!

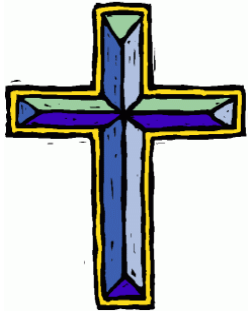
In Remembrance of

Sept.



Sunday, September 11th at 10:00am we will observe the 15th anniversary of the tragic events that took place on September 11, 2001. We are inviting local first responders, such as police, EMT's

and firemen so that we may honor them in worship and serve them at our annual potluck church picnic following the service. Come and thank these selfless individuals for their loyal and dedicated service to our community.



*Serving in Christ*

**Pastor**

James Copulos

**Office Manager**

Holly Brandt

**Organist**

Barb Buckingham

**Choir/Handbell Director**

Donna Hetrick

**Media / I.T. Director /  
Youth Coordinator**

Walt Eckard

**Lay Leader**

Barry Buckingham

**Treasurer**

Peg Potteiger

**Custodians**

Hector & Luis of Omex

**Ministers**

All of Us!

## *From the Pastor...*

**Philippians 2:13** ...for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

God is at work brothers and sisters. God is at work in greater ways than we can ever imagine and on a daily basis I am amazed at how His glorious plan continues to unfold. In our own community of Mt. Calvary, God's plan is unfolding in big ways with the progression of our visioning process.

In June, the Vision Team presented its plan for ministry. After two very informational Q&A sessions, as well as feedback from congregants beyond those settings, two of the key concerns shared were: **1.** questions of why we were voting on some pieces which could be implemented immediately and; **2.** a concern about volunteers needed to make the new programs work, with a particular concern regarding the evening Bible Study (Engage). Based on this information, the Vision Team has presented some modifications to the Church Council which has given its blessing to proceed. Therefore I am happy to share the following:

1. We are making adjustments to the Engage program which will allow us to begin sooner and lessen the volunteer needs. The most significant change is that we will no longer look to have a single evening gathering for all the groups in a single setting with a meal. Instead we're going to begin house-groups where various members of the congregation will lead Small Groups in their homes. The day and time can be up to the group and if child care is necessary we would encourage enlisting some of our willing youth to help. Also, our hope is that monthly, perhaps the first Thursday, we can all gather together for fellowship at the church. However, what is most important is getting new and exciting small groups started so that we all may be further Engaged in God's Word.
2. We will be initiating the prayer team, a local ministries coordinator position, and consulting with the Trustees about the creation of in-house mailboxes without a congregational vote. The feedback we got to each of these pieces was significantly positive and we felt the call of the congregation to get these things rolling.
3. We have been in consultation with the Trustees regarding alternatives to the Adopt-A-Plot program so that we may accomplish our goal of beautifying this church as an honor to God.
4. We will be caring for voting matters related to the Encounter children's program, Elevate a second service, and establishing a committee to consider the multi-purpose facility at our regularly-scheduled church conference in November.

The Lord has given us some tremendous opportunities brothers and sisters. The excitement many of you have shared with me personally makes me even that much more excited about the possibilities. May we continue to be in prayerful discernment about what is before us at Mt. Calvary and the new places God is leading us to! Praise The Lord!

Love and Prayers,

*Pastor Jim*

**Newsletter Deadline:**

**15th of the month**  
(unless otherwise stated)

# Announcements

## Prayers Needed

Please remember all those who are included on Mt. Calvary's prayer list and on the prayer chain every week. The power of prayer is a healing balm for all.

*James 5:16 Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.*

## Thank You

Dear Mt. Calvary Choir & Church Family,  
Thank you all so much for your support by prayers, phone calls, cards and love throughout the five months we were in hospitals and rehab facilities due to complications following Jim's cervical spine surgery in mid-December.

We have been home two months now, including six weeks of visits from home health care nurses and rehab people. We are doing well.

When the choir called us two days after we got home and sang, "He is the Rock" we were so blessed from head to heart to toes!! It was so wonderful to hear all those beautiful and familiar voices.

Thank you all so much.

Love, Norma & Jim Gruber  
P.S. Thank you, Roberta!!

Dear Mt. Calvary,  
Thank you so much for the graduation gifts! I am so thankful to be a part of such a loving and caring community. The gift was very thoughtful and kind.

With love, Kiersten Luttrell

## Baptized



Holy  
Baptism

Baptized on July 24, 2016, was Ava Lynn Wagner, daughter of Justin and Stacy Wagner. Ava was born on March 12, 2013 in Claremore, Oklahoma. Proud grandparents are Rod & Karen Wagner.

# Upcoming Events



On **Friday, August 12th**, the GRUMPS will travel to tour the Strawbridge Shrine in New Windsor, Maryland. This is the original home (circa 1760) of Robert & Elizabeth Strawbridge. It is in this modest farmhouse that Methodism in America was first established. From here, Mr. Strawbridge rode the circuit and planted the seeds of what would become a new denomination. There is no cost for the tour however the Strawbridge Shrine Association does accept donations.



Lunch will follow the tour at a local restaurant. Plans are to carpool from the church at 8am. Drivers are needed. Sign up on the bulletin board by Sunday, August 7th. Questions should be directed to Pastor Jim.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

On **Wednesday, September 14th**, the GRUMPS will travel to Elizabethtown, PA to enjoy an Amish Lunch at the farm of Abner & Mary Stoltzfus. Cost is \$18.00/person and a minimum of 15 people is required. A sign up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board soon. Lunch is at noon and carpooling from the church will leave at 11am. See Yvonne Fry with any questions.

## Book Circle

The **Book Circle** meets Mondays at 11:00 a.m. in the Conference Room. The upcoming dates and books to be discussed are:



**Sept. 26:** *The Evidence of Things Unseen*  
by Marianne Wiggins

**Oct. 24:** *Close to the Broken Hearted*,  
by Michael Hiebert

**Book Circle will not meet in June, July or August.**  
**Enjoy the summer reading!!**



# Children & Youth

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**"Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs."**

**Matthew 19:14**

### Youth! Youth! Youth!

#### LET'S GO TO UPRISE '16!

We will be taking the Youth to the Uprise '16 music festival at the Shippensburg Fairgrounds on Friday, September 16th. Headlining this night is Chris Tomlin! Youth are invited to bring **one** friend! Meet at the church immediately following school to carpool. The Youth Ministry will cover the cost of the tickets, however youth are asked to bring money for food. Youth need to sign up on the bulletin board by Sunday, Sept. 11th. A few parents are needed to chaperone and drive!! See Walt or Pastor Jim with questions.



On vacation? Taking it easy this summer? Wonders Found continues to serve the community without a vacation but many of the volunteers do take well deserved time off. This leaves the shop short handed in many ways. Thank you to the many volunteers who have stepped up and spent extra time at the shop and to those who don't usually help but have given time this summer! We always need help as we have grown and are constantly having more customers and donations. Praise God!

**Financial Report Month of June:**

<b>Income</b>			
Store Sales	\$7,094.01		
<b>Sub-Total</b>		<b>\$7,094.01</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>			
Rent	\$3,313.00		
Store Supplies	156.22		
Advertising	192.00		
Utilities	<u>257.44</u>		
<b>Sub-Total</b>		<b><u>\$3,918.66</u></b>	
<b>Net Profit/Loss</b>		<b>\$3,175.35</b>	

**5th ANNIVERSARY!**

It's hard to believe that August 15th marks the 5th Anniversary of Wonders Found. We will celebrate on **Saturday, August 13th** with a store-wide sale, free lunch and other fun activities. Mark your calendar to stop in between 10am and 5pm.

**BEST KEPT SECRETS TOUR**

Wonders Found is participating in the Dauphin/Lebanon Counties Best Kept Secrets Tour! Here's how it works: Purchase a Tour bag for \$9. This bag contains your ticket that entitles you to all perks and special events offered by the businesses participating. It also contains a list of shops and a map to get you to each unique, out-of-the-way and perhaps little known stores. Bags will be available at Wonders Found mid-July, but you can pre-order yours NOW by stopping by the shop.

**Mission News**

Our next mission trip is scheduled for October 23rd through November 5th. We are traveling to Appomattox, VA. Come for 2 weeks or 1 day...or as many days as you can! Tornadoes ravaged three areas and there were 40 homes leveled in their path, plus many more homes that were severely damaged. So there will be plenty of work for VIM teams to do. Keep these dates in mind. More information will follow.



**Birthdays**



**Anniversaries**

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|-------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Donna Hetrick   | 11 Cody Wills        | 24 Norma Gruber    |
| 4 Carolyn Heckert | 14 Steve Gruber      | 24 Tyler Pierson   |
| 4 Kevin Lutz      | 14 Trevor Ruddle     | 25 Ryan Hoffman    |
| 4 Chris Miller    | 15 Cody Seibert      | 25 Donna Travitz   |
| 5 Andrew Illiano  | 16 Rande Brady       | 27 Sharon Duncan   |
| 5 Cierra Yohn     | 17 Kasey Hudson      | 27 Samantha Ryan   |
| 7 Sue Hayes       | 17 Madeline Long     | 27 Esther Tan      |
| 7 Wayne Schug     | 18 Mason Mione       | 27 Alison Yarrish  |
| 8 Scott Sehar     | 19 Patti Estheimer   | 28 Scott Archibald |
| 9 Blake Bechtel   | 21 Cassidy Yohn      | 28 Amy Morgan      |
| 9 Wesley Bechtel  | 22 Ryne McCoy        | 28 Craig Morgan    |
| 10 Jamie Waltman  | 22 Jaan Sidorov      | 28 Elinor Uhrich   |
| 10 Derek Wass     | 22 Jonathan Thompson | 29 Dot Yoder       |
| 11 Kathy Liddick  | 23 Joseph Trojcek    | 29 Marian Stough   |



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| 2 Richard & Jackie Hackman |
| 3 James & Nancy Walborn    |
| 4 Doug & Karen Martin      |
| 7 Brian & Colleen Keith    |
| 23 Matt & Chris Luttrell   |
| 24 Rod & Karen Wagner      |
| 26 Grant & Laurie Kyler    |
| 27 Wes & Kim Harris        |
| 27 Ray & Peggy Hudson      |
| 27 Ling & Esther Tan       |

**NOTE:** If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please contact the church office to be added to the list.



# august



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1  6:00PM Zumba Class	2	3  6:00AM Men's Sharing  7:00PM Staff Parish Team Meeting	4  6:00PM Zumba Class 7:00PM Mission Team Meeting	5	6
7  9:30AM Worship 10:30AM Coffee Time 11:00AM Sun. School	8  6:00PM Zumba Class	9	10  6:00AM Men's Sharing	11  6:00PM Zumba Class	12	13
14  6:00AM Grace UMC Homeless Breakfast 9:30AM Worship 10:30AM Coffee Time 11:00AM Sun. School	15  <u>Newsletter Deadline</u>  6:00PM Zumba Class	16	17  6:00AM Men's Sharing	18  6:00PM Zumba Class	19	20
21  9:30AM Worship 10:30AM Coffee Time 11:00AM Sun. School	22  6:00PM Zumba Class	23  10:00AM Handbell Practice	24  6:00AM Men's Sharing 10:00AM Handbell Practice	25  6:00PM Zumba Class	26	27
28   9:30AM Worship 10:30AM Coffee Time 11:00AM Sun. School	29  <b>Back To School</b>  6:00PM Zumba Class	30  10:00AM Handbell Practice	31  6:00AM Men's Sharing 10:00AM Handbell Practice	1	2	3



# August Helpers

<u>Service Areas</u>	<u>Aug 7</u>	<u>Aug 14</u>	<u>Aug 21</u>	<u>Aug 28</u>	<u>Sept 4</u>
<b>Acolytes:</b>	Charlie Long	Blake Bechtel	Logan Kreamer	Alex Yarrish	Libby Kreamer
<b>CCT:</b>	NO CCT	NO CCT	NO CCT	NO CCT	NO CCT
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<b>Greeters:</b>	Ken Egan	Blaine Fry	Claire Zeiters	Karin McCormick	Carole Gochenaur
	Janelle Egan	Yvonne Fry	Jim Zeiters	Marlin McCormick	Betty Mitchell
<b>Media Tech:</b>	Walt Eckard	Walt Eckard	Walt Eckard	Walt Eckard	Walt Eckard
<b>Nursery:</b>	Amanda Copulos	Ashley Blaha	Jessica Nearhoof	Paula Eckard	Jacklyn Keiser
	Mary Beth Miele	Erica Sehar	Ali Yarrish	Alison Long	Chris Luttrell
<b>Scripture Reader:</b>	Diana Reed	Maddie Kreamer	Dot Yoder	Donna Lutz	Sharon Sidorov
<b>Stewards:</b>	Matt Luttrell	Donna Hetrick	Ann Fletcher	Diana Reed	Todd Ruddle
	Kevin Lutz	Mark Schug	Blaine Fry	Bob Ulrey	Chris Yarrish
<b>Ushers:</b>	Harry Capper	Sandy Boltz	Warren Kern	Beth Bechtel	Harry Capper
<b>Head Usher Aug.: Jim Walborn</b>	Wes Harris	Kevin Lutz	Matt Luttrell	Rob Bechtel	Blaine Fry
<b>Head Usher Sept.: Leon Byers</b>	Mark Schug	Claire Zeiters	Dane Nearhoof	John Kreamer	Brenda Mumma
	Wayne Schug	Jim Zeiters	Richard Shockley	Maddie Kreamer	Gladys Wills



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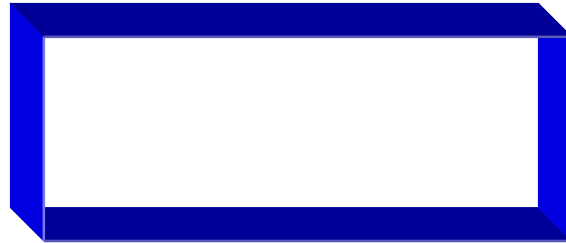


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Worship: 9:30 am

Sunday School : 11:00 am

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

### *Our Vision*

*Neighbors serving neighbors in Christ!*

### *Our Mission*

We are neighbors who ...

**Love** our neighbors with the love of Jesus;  
**Serve** our neighbors with the compassion of Jesus;  
**Invite** our neighbors into the arms of Jesus.

**NOTE:** If you are receiving this newsletter and no longer wish to receive it, or have joined another church, please let us know in writing or via email.